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# AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2002

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following election and traverse in response to the Office Action mailed on September 10, 2002. No fee is believed to be due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

#### **AMENDMENT**

### In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 4, 5, 10-13, 25-28 and 30 without prejudice as drawn to non-elected subject matter.

Please add new claim 31.

#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. 1.8a)

Thereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231, on September 30, 2002.

Date: September 30, 2002.

Anita J. Terostra